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ATTN: ☐
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- THERMOFF/BOCONVOY

- Contact Report (THERMOFF/3, ☐ ☐

Reference: DIR 33889

1. Purpose of contact:

a. On 8 January 1954, ☐ arrived in DIRMALO to contact Subjects. The primary purpose of the contact was to persuade Subjects to sign the Syros agreement which would result in their being confined to Syros under complete Greek custody and jurisdiction.

2. THERMOFF/3:

a. THERMOFF/3 was contacted on 8 and 9 January and related to ☐ what had developed since they last saw each other in Athens in September 1952. During the course of the discussion the following pertinent comments were made by THERMOFF/3:

i. An unidentified Greek Gendarmerie officer told him that KURBAN will not be permitted to marry because the Greek authorities were preventing his marriage.

ii. He was sent to DIRMALO primarily for security reasons.

iii. He resisted efforts to teach him Spanish and a trade because he believed that he could not be helped by it, but he did request that he be taught to drive a vehicle.

iv. He was accused of threatening a fellow refugee with a knife (he denies this) and as a result was confined for six months.

v. He did not resist emigration nor did he insist on being returned to Greece, but he did seek to be united with his fiancée.

vi. He will not resist emigration from Greece unless his staying in Greece would enable him to marry.

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b. THERMOFF/3

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b. THIMOKY/ was not right on point (1a) above and the conditions of the Gyros agreement contained him that he was mistaken. Realizing that no other source of action was open to him, THIMOKY/ voluntarily signed the agreement.

c. THIMOKY/ was told by [] that this office has no objections to his pending contact with or meeting, his fiancée, but that such action would require the approval of the Greek authorities.

3. []

a. [] was contacted on 8 January and again on 9 January at his request. Immediately after meeting [] on 8 January he made some remarks that [] and those who knew him would probably be working for him at some future date. However, when informed that he was being sent to Gyros, he settled down and was most attentive. The following is a list of questions raised by [] and the answers given to him:

1. Would he be permitted to have his wife and child with him at Gyros? Ans. That action would have to be arranged with the Greek authorities.

11. What will prevent the Greek authorities from imprisoning him as soon as he arrives in Gyros? Ans. The terms of the agreement specify that he will remain at Gyros awaiting extradition unless he is involved in an action which is punishable under Greek law.

111. Does the Greek government have any jurisdiction over him at the present time which necessitates his being returned to Greece? In direct answer to this question was given, but [] was told that it was necessary to return him to Greece under the conditions of the Gyros agreement. (At this point [] made a statement to his BIRMINGHAM case officer which indicated that he believed his marriage to a Greek woman gave the Greek authorities jurisdiction over him.)

12. Is this office throwing him out completely or would they, in the event of war or some emergency, contact him in the future? Ans. This office will always keep a check on anyone who has ever had connections with it.

b. [] indicated that he was anxious to discover whether the Americans or the Greeks were responsible for his being placed in confinement in Greece in 1951, and the crime he was supposed to have committed; he would raise this question should he meet any Americans (presumably from this office) while he is in Greece. [] told [] that he was not familiar with this aspect of his case, but that in his opinion [] would be in prison now if he had committed a serious crime. [] was also told that he will serve no useful purpose by raising this question at a future date and he agreed to forget the matter.

c. Several times during the two contacts with [] he asked that [] give him [] best regards to all who knew him and to mention that he would never forget them.

b. []

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b. [] was contacted only once on 9 January. He was told that, in negotiations for his past services and his excellent behavior at DIRMALLO, those concerned with his case were making an effort to obtain his entry into the United States or the U.S. Army. He was reminded several times during the discussion that this effort may not be successful. He was also told that his transfer from DIRMALLO was necessary in the very near future and in the event that his entry into the United States or the U.S. Army was still pending he would be moved to Syria. He was told that his transfer to Syria would be certain in the event that he was not permitted to enter the United States or the U.S. Army. At this point he was asked to sign the Syros agreement; he refused stating that he could not sign any agreement which indicated a voluntary severance of relations with the Americans. However, [] asked that he would not resist his transfer to Syros should the Americans decide to send him there. He pointed out that living conditions at Syros are such that his health would certainly deteriorate and, being a Palestinian, he could not look forward to fair treatment at the hands of the Greeks.

b. [] was instructed not to reveal to anyone what took place during the discussion and was told that he would at that question be sent to Syros if he violated these instructions. He added that he would follow instructions and would gladly sign a statement to that effect.

[]
Acting Chief, SG

[] 3 w/attachment under separate cover
(2 copies Syros agreement in Greek,
1 copy " " in English)

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